

c). **AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS**

We Claim:

1. **(Currently amended): Solvent-free polish compositions useful for a wide variety of cleaning and/or polishing operations including but not limited to cleaning and/or polishing wooden furniture and household fixtures, doors, window sills and the like, and other wood and metal objects, floors, including wood, and composition floors, cars, boats, and the like, shoes and other leather articles; said polishing compositions consisting essentially of:**

A. A wax, preferably of natural origin, said wax comprising from about 1 percent by weight ("-%") to about 70 % of the total formulation,

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- B. A non-drying natural-origin¹ oil, said oil comprising from about 20% to about 99% of the formulation, said oil being selected from the group consisting of olive, peanut, rapeseed (canola), coconut, soybean, neatsfoot, sunflower, cottonseed, corn, and mixtures and combinations of these, and
- C. vinegar or acetic acid diluted with water so as to contain approximately the same amount of acetic acid as a type of vinegar, and
- D. Other useful optional potential additives for specific purposes, including abrasives, emulsifiers, thickeners, preservatives, colorants, ~~taste-induced deterrents~~, fragrances, processing aids and the like; and

~~"solvent" to be understood to mean volatile solvents typically used in polish compositions; being exemplified by petroleum distillates, paraffinic, olefinic or aromatic hydrocarbon solvents and/or solvent blends, turpentine, d-limonene, or chlorinated solvents~~

- 2. (Currently amended -formerly mis-numbered as Claim 3) The compositions of Claims 1 - or claim 20² wherein the wax is a wax of natural origin, said wax being at least one selected from the group containing beeswax, candelilla wax, carnauba wax, ozokerite wax, ceresine wax, orange wax or any other naturally-derived wax, and/or mixtures or combinations of two or more of these.
- 3. (Currently amended - Formerly mis-numbered as Claim 4): The compositions of Claim 1 or Claim 20 ~~compositions of Claims 1-2~~³ wherein the wax is a paraffin wax or other synthetic wax or combination of synthetic waxes which wax or combination of synthetic waxes⁴ is at least partially soluble in the oil when it is hot.
- 4. (Currently amended - formerly mis-numbered as Claim 5): The compositions of Claim 1 or Claim 20 ~~compositions of Claims 1-2~~⁵ wherein the wax is a blend of at least one natural origin wax as delineated in Claim 2, 3⁶ and at least one synthetic wax as delineated in Claim 4;

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5. (Canceled)
6. (Currently amended - Formerly mis-numbered as Claim 7): The compositions of Claim 1 or Claim 20 ~~compositions of Claims 1-2~~, wherein the glycerin in the non-drying oil is at least partially substituted by an alcohol.
7. (Canceled)
8. (Canceled)
9. (Canceled)
10. (Currently amended - Formerly mis-numbered as Claim 11) The compositions of Claim 1 or Claim 20 ~~compositions of Claims 1-2~~ wherein the vinegar is selected from the group consisting essentially of: apple cider vinegar, white vinegar, distilled vinegar, wine vinegar, balsamic vinegar, and/or mixtures and combinations of these.
11. (Canceled)

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12. (Canceled)

13. (Currently amended - Formerly mis-numbered as Claim 14): The compositions of Claim 1 or Claim 20 compositions of Claims 1-13 wherein the polish further contains clay or clays, talc, silica or silicas, alumina, calcium magnesium silicates, garnet, mica or some other insoluble the abrasive is present in an amount of about 0.1 to about 90% of the composition. ~~abrasive and/or otherwise insoluble material, and/or mixtures and/or combinations of these, present in the amount of about 0.1% to about 90 percent by weight of the whole mixture.~~

14. (Currently amended - formerly mis-numbered as Claim 15): ~~One of the compositions of Claims 1-14~~ The compositions of Claim 1 or Claim 20 wherein the resulting cleaner/polish is useful for cleaning and/or polishing wooden furniture or fixtures, doors and/or doorframes, window sills and frames, and other similar varnished, oiled, treated, coated, painted or unpainted and untreated wood or wood composition surfaces.

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15. (Currently amended - formerly mis-numbered as Claim 16): The compositions of Claim 1 or Claim 20 ~~One of the compositions of Claims 1-13~~ wherein the resulting cleaner/polish is useful for cleaning and/or polishing wood, parquet, linoleum and other flooring materials on floors including, but not limited to varnished, sealed, coated, painted and/or unfinished wood.
16. (Currently amended - formerly mis-numbered as Claim 17): ~~One of the compositions of Claims 1-14~~ The compositions of Claim 1 or Claim 20 wherein the resulting cleaner/polish is useful for cleaning and/or polishing brass, copper, stainless or carbon steel, wrought-, cast- or other forms of iron or other metal and combination metal composition articles, said metal articles to include door knobs, lock frames, hinges and window frames; window accessories; furniture handles, corner protectors, window frames, cast iron skillets and/or cookware; also including metal on cars and boats.
17. (Currently amended - Formerly mis-numbered as Claim 18): ~~One of the compositions of Claims 1-14~~ The compositions of Claim 1 or Claim 20 wherein the resulting cleaner/polish is useful for cleaning and/or polishing cars, boats, surfboards, skateboards, motorcycles, bicycles, ~~or~~ skis and the like.
18. (Currently amended - Formerly mis-numbered as Claim 19): A method of cleaning and/or polishing articles of wood, flooring materials, articles of metal, cars, boats, surfboards, skateboards, motorcycles, bicycles, skis and the like comprising contacting said articles with the cleaning and/or polishing compositions of Claim 1 or Claim 20 ~~composition of one of Claims 1-14~~ involving contacting said article with the cleaning and/or polishing composition ~~delineated in Claims 1-13~~ and after a certain efficacious amount of waiting time rubbing, scrubbing, buffing, or otherwise working said article with said composition with a cloth, metal, plastic or other intermediary material or materials, and then essentially leaving on whatever stays on the cleaned and/or polished article.

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19. (Currently amended - Formerly mis-numbered as Claim 20): A method of cleaning and/or polishing articles of wood, flooring materials, articles of metal, cars, boats, surfboards, skateboards, motorcycles, bicycles, skis and the like comprising contacting said articles with the cleaning and/or polishing ~~composition of one of Claims 1-14~~ compositions of Claim 1 or Claim 20 and rubbing, scrubbing, buffing, or otherwise working said article with said composition with a cloth, metal, plastic or other intermediary material or materials, and after an efficacious time of intimate contact, wiping off said composition, optionally with an intermediary solvent such as water, alcohol, or other solvents or solvent combinations or some other cleaning composition. ~~followed by a repeat application or applications of the cleaning and/or polishing composition, utilizing the method of Claim 18, Claim 19 or optionally wiping off the excess with a cloth or paper towel.~~
20. (Currently amended - formerly mis-numbered as Claim 2) The composition of Claim 1, ~~further including vinegar or acetic acid diluted with water so as to contain approximately the same amount of acetic acid as a type of vinegar, such that where~~ the vinegar or diluted acetic acid comprises ~~is~~ from about 0.1% to about 70% of the formulation.